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## Appomattox Court House News Release

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### **Appomattox Court House “Footsteps to Freedom/Luminary” Program Postponed to Saturday Due to Adverse Weather Forecast**

Appomattox, Va. – The National Park Service has postponed Friday evening’s Footsteps to Freedom program at [Appomattox Court House National Historical Park](#) until 6:30 p.m. Saturday, April 11, due to wet weather in the forecast. The musical prelude will begin at 6:10 p.m.). This event takes place at the main stage in the historic village.

The Footsteps to Freedom/Luminary program invites the public to think about emancipation as one of the significant outcomes of the war. Unlike the theoretical ideas that inspired the Emancipation Proclamation, Lee’s surrender led to Emancipation Realized. Hannah Reynolds was the only known civilian casualty of the fighting in the village on the morning of April 9, 1865. She was an enslaved woman who was mortally wounded just hours before emancipation. This ceremony will take the form of a funeral for Hannah Reynolds and provide the opportunity to eulogize her life and the institution that died with her. The program will end with the lighting of 4,600 luminaries representing each emancipated person in Appomattox County as a result of the surrender.

All other programs in the park on Friday, April 10, will take place as planned. The park will close on Friday at 6 p.m. Shuttle operations will end at 7:30 p.m.

The program is part of a five-day commemoration marking the 150th anniversary of the surrender at Appomattox, which signaled the effective end of the American Civil War, special programs and events are planned through April 12, 2015. For more information, visit the Appomattox Court House National Historical Park website at <http://www.nps.gov/apco> or contact the park Visitor Center at 434-352-8987 ext. 226.

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